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PROGRAMME OF SAURASHTRA LANGUAGE
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Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to broadcast the programmes of Saurashtra language in AIR and DD all over the country especially from Tamil Nadu considering the vast population of people from Saurashtra are staying there;

(b) if so, the details thereof ; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING & CULTURE (SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY)

(a) to (c):- Prasar Bharati has informed that there is no such proposal. However, Doordarshan telecasts some Saurashtra dialect programmes from Doordarshan Kendra, Rajkot. All India Radio also broadcasts one song in Saurashtra language weekly from AIR, Madurai. AIR, Madurai has also broadcast special programme on the occasion of popular festival being celebrated by Saurashtra Community in that area.